

to me; she did an awful lot and was a significant person in this town, and shared my Republican vision."

"It wasn't only her GOP cohorts who were expressing sadness about Ms. Stanko's passing. Former Democratic Town Committee Chairman Anne Shaw remembered her work as one of those 'instrumental' in the creation of the Senior Center (founded by Ms. Harrington and Caroline Murray). 'What a loss,' remarked Ms. Shaw. 'I saw her last week and she was really happy and giggly. I haven't seen her looking so well in a long time. I always enjoyed working with her and I think she was a role model for all of us.'"

"Town Tax Collector and longtime friend of Ms. Stanko's, Robert Locke, said, 'I've lost a good friend and a wonderful gal who was a tireless and dedicated volunteer. I said to my wife, 'They must need some head volunteers up there!'"

"Etta Marquardt Stanko was born on December 29, 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Guy Marquardt and the late Bertha Bloh. Ms. Stanko attended the University of Pennsylvania and worked as an auditor for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the 1940's and 50's before assisting in the family business, Stanko Associates."

"Ms. Stanko had volunteered at the Darien Community Association (DCA) since 1961 and served two consecutive terms as president of the DCA from 1977 to 1981. She has also served as Treasurer, Finance Chairman, Thrift Shop volunteer and board member. Among her many accomplishments at the DCA were creating a merit scholarship award for Darien public school graduates, launching a planning and development committee and began glucose screening and a health fair in cooperation with the Darien Lion's Club, opened what became the Darien Nature Center at Cherry Lawn Park and helped promote alcohol education and abuse programs at Darien High School."

"She has also spent decades in service to the Salvation Army, of which she was chairman of the service unit at the time of her death, and with Family Children's Agency. She also spent six years on the board of directors for Darien United Way and eight years on the board of the Darien Senior Center. She was a member of the Connecticut Commission on Aging and was on the board of directors for the American Red Cross where she had volunteered for 14 years."

"Ms. Stanko was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Stanko. She is survived by one son, Joseph C. Stanko, Jr. of Alexandria, Virginia; one daughter, Alyse Stanko Pleiter of Villa Park Illinois; and two grandchildren."

"'She was very proud of her children,' said Ms. Harrington. 'Her son is a lawyer and her daughter is a budding writer. And she had wonderful grandchildren she doted on. She recently traveled to Spain and Portugal and had a good time. She did a lot of nice things in the last part of her life.'"

On a more personal note, I would like to add that Ms. Stanko was also on the board of directors of the Bank of Darien, was an active member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Darien, and was a wonderful past volunteer for my campaigns for Congress, although this year she supported a challenger for the Republican nomination.

Etta Stanko was a great lady who had a powerful impact on her family, friends, and

those she served in her extensive volunteer endeavors. We all miss her dearly.

SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC SUBSTITUTE TO THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, throughout the Appropriations process, the Republicans have attempted to portray Democrats and Democratic priorities in the areas of health, education, and other important federal initiatives as fiscally irresponsible. However, priorities such as health research, school construction, and teacher training are underfunded in the appropriations bills because the Republicans insisted on including massive tax cuts for the wealthy in the budget resolution. Which is the more accurate definition of fiscal responsibility—massive tax cuts that do not benefit most Americans or targeted tax cuts that leave room for health and education for all Americans?

Today's debate raises that same question. The Republican Marriage Reconciliation Act will cost an astounding \$182 billion over the next ten years, consuming nearly one-fourth of the on-budget surplus. Democrats have a sensible alternative that costs almost half as much as the Republican bill, while still providing marriage penalty tax relief to a majority of Americans.

The fact is that most married couples are subject to tax at the 15% marginal rate. The only marriage penalty faced by most of these couples is due to the fact that the standard deduction for a joint return is less than twice the standard deduction for single taxpayers. The Democratic substitute would eliminate this marriage penalty by increasing the standard deduction for joint returns so that it is equal to twice the standard allowed to single taxpayers.

In addition, low-income married couples also face a marriage penalty in the earned income tax credit. The Democratic substitute would reduce those penalties by increasing the income level at which the EITC begins to phase out by \$2,000 in 2001 and by \$2,500 in 2002 and thereafter.

The Republicans portray themselves as the party of tax cuts and Democrats as the opponents of tax relief, but the reality has always been quite different. The reality of the bill being debated today is that the bulk of the tax cuts they propose are not marriage penalty relief, but rather a widening of tax brackets that benefit higher income taxpayers. As a result, half of the tax cuts in the Republican bill go to those who do not currently pay any marriage penalty.

What Democrats have emphasized, today and always, is the importance of fairness in providing tax relief—fairness that ensures family security and protects our nation's priorities. The Democratic substitute would benefit the vast majority of married couples, and provide greater tax relief for low-income taxpayers than would the Republican bill. We should provide fiscally responsible tax relief to those Americans who need it most. I urge my col-

leagues to vote no on the Marriage Penalty Reconciliation Act and yes on the Democratic substitute.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PANAMAX OF SAN RAFAEL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Panamax of San Rafael. Panamax, the country's foremost designer and manufacturer of power protection equipment, is deserving of special Congressional recognition. What started out as a one room, single employee operation has become a multi-million dollar enterprise that provides employment opportunities to over one hundred individuals. Panamax has been a strong supporter of small business and has a record of hiring employees from the 6th Congressional District.

Panamax has earned a reputation for innovation and service to producers and users of a wide variety of high-tech equipment. The company has developed an important niche in the area of devices that provide protection from power surges and spikes. It also provides a complete guarantee on every unit produced.

Panamax has strongly supported international trade and has substantially expanded its trade with Canada, Latin America and the Pacific Rim countries. It continues to be an innovator and leader in the power protection field in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to congratulate Panamax as they mark two decades of service. I am very proud to be representing such a fine company in Congress. I extend my best wishes to Henry Moody, and the Panamax family, for continued success in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF AEROSPACE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DAY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I advise my colleagues that the Aerospace Electronic Commerce Working Group, sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association, is meeting on July 19, 2000, in Oakland, California, where they are collaborating and reaching consensus about electronic commerce standards and implementation conventions. The purpose is to simplify eBusiness implementation for small- and medium-size suppliers who must comply with both government and commercial requirements for electronic commerce capabilities.

Without collaboration among supply chain leaders at the top of virtual enterprise trading teams, suppliers face complexities that compound implementation and compliance costs. The Aerospace initiative began several years